26th August 1926]

*Vacancies in the Government Press.*

* 2337 Q.—Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU : With reference to question No. 504 answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council of the 28th October 1925, regarding vacancies in the Government Press, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the three posts of readers on Rs. 60—4—100 said to be vacant have since been filled up; if so, when and how; and

(b) whether in filling up vacancies, the Superintendent, Government Press, takes into consideration the services and qualifications of the employees to be promoted?

A.—(a) Two of the posts have been filled from 1st September 1925 and the third from 1st April 1926, by promotion from among the readers in the lower grade of Rs. 30—2—60.

(b) Yes.

## Madras Planters' Labour Act.

*Cost of police under the operations of the Madras Planters' Labour Act.*

*2338 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what was the approximate cost in connexion with the police required under the operations of the Madras Planters' Labour Act during the years 1924–25 and 1925–26 for the following purposes :—

(1) the arrest and detention of the accused until and during trial;

(2) the despatch to prison of the labourer accused sentenced to imprisonment; and

(3) the despatch of the labourer prisoners on release?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 2214.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"So far as I recollect, the Government have not collected information separately. May I enquire whether a person who is arrested in a place in South Kanara is taken all the way to some Magistrate in Wynad or some other distant place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"This is a hypothetical question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I am asking whether this is not the practice."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That question does not arise."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Enormous expenditure is incurred on account of this very extraordinary procedure of arresting a person in one part of the world and sending him to another part of the world. May I know whether this expenditure cannot be avoided?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is a suggestion for action."

## Unemployment.

*Progress made by the committee on unemployment.*

*2339 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what progress has been made by the committee appointed to investigate the problem of unemployment?